

LAMOINE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

6:30 pm

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Lamoine Consolidated School

1. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum

Time In: 6:30

Members Present: Michael Brann, Robert Pulver, Gordon Donaldson, Val Peacock, Brett Jones

Visitors Present: Mike Jordan

2. Changes to the Agenda

A. Addition of Item A.1 Review of Community Forum: Next Steps

B. Addition of Item 6.D Executive Session for the purpose of a negotiations update

3. Citizen Comments

Mike Jordan indicated that he had patched the hole in the gym roof. While on the roof he noticed that it is aging. He indicated that it would likely need to be replaced in the next five years.

4. Reports

A. Superintendent

- Katrina attended the Thanksgiving Dinner at the school today with Carolyn Heller and it was a wonderful event.
- Katrina reported that the boiler has been replaced with two Renai heating units. These units are propane and are working well to heat the space. The proposal came in at \$5,800.00 and includes costs to disconnect the old boiler and the removal of the old oil storage tank once we drain it. Motion to approve the purchase by Gordon Donaldson. Second by Brett Jones Vote 5 Yes 0 No
- Tammy Light has been hired at the Superintendent's Office to replace Julie Mattes in the vacant AP/AR position. Tammy is experience with our ADS ProFund Financial Software.
- Budget documents have been distributed to the principal and staff and we have set tentative dates for completion prior to the December vacation.
- Next week we will begin working on the Teacher and Principal Evaluation System titled "Educator Effectiveness." An overview of the system requirements will be done followed by work looking at available models. We will form a team to complete and pilot portions of this system by the end of the 2014-2015 school year.

B. Principal

- Dawn McPhail reported on the Middle Level Leadership Trip to the EDGE in Cherryfield. The students worked hard and were enthusiastic. A slideshow of the event was presented.

C. School Committee

- Bob Pulver and Gordon Donaldson reported on the MSMA Board Conference. The conference had interesting topics and was well attended. It was nice to have time to network with attendees from the Hancock School Committee. Gordon sat in on the delegate's session and also attended as a presenter.

5. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes of the October 14, 2014 School Committee Meeting

Motion to approve: Gordon Donaldson Second: Michael Brann Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

6. Action Items

A. Consideration of Approval to Participate in the Get Wet Program

Dawn and Carol Duffy presented the details of this program to provide hands-on science opportunities to students by testing water samples. Students may bring in a sample from home or use one from the school. It was requested that school staff make certain that facilitators of the Get Wet Program keep the process focused purely on learning about the scientific process.

Motion to approve: Michael Brann

Second: Brett Jones

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

A.1 Review of Community Forum: Next Steps

Gordon Donaldson reported that the forum was well attended by an energetic group. A good sampling of parents and community members was present. Katrina distributed notes from the meeting. The next step is to have a conversation with the LCS staff at their Friday PLC time on December 12th at 2:00. Following that a workshop date will be set for after Christmas Break.

B. Consideration of Revised Teacher Certification Handbook

Carol Duffy presented the Teacher Certification Handbook with revisions as required by the Maine Department of Education.

Motion to approve: Gordon Donaldson Second: Bob Pulver Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

C. Consideration of Approval for Standards Based Pilot in Math and Writing. Presentation to Include:

- Implementation Plan
- Report Card Format
- Assessments/Rubrics
- Work Habits

Dawn McPhail, Carol Duffy and Amy Duym presented the work completed in order to transition to a standards based grading and reporting system. Sample assessments were shared as well as documents explaining the changes for parents. The report card was shared. Members asked many questions and expressed their appreciation for the work done by the staff to make this important transition.

Motion by Michael Brann to approve the Standards Based Reporting for grades 5 through 8 to include physical education, art and music. Second: Brett Jones Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

D. Executive Session for the purpose of a negotiations update

Motion by Brett Jones to enter executive session for the purpose of a contract negotiations update pursuant to 1 MRSA 20-A §405 (6)(E) Second: Bob Pulver Vote 5 Yes 0 No

Time In: 8:35 Time Out: 8:45 No Action taken

7. Adjourn

Time Out: 8:45

Next Meeting: 6:30 on Tuesday, December 9, 2014

Approved: December 9, 2014